



## Board Report

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### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Health Department's Public Health Laboratory (PH Lab) serves as the area's Regional Laboratory, and has provided the necessary water testing for a variety of agencies such as, the City of Salinas, City of Gonzales, Salinas Valley Correctional Training Facility, California Water Company, Resource Management Agency, Water Resource Agency and over 100 community water systems. Due to the volume of testing required, PH Lab coordinates testing with other cost-effective laboratories, including BSK Analytical Laboratories (BSK), and ships the samples for the client as a value-added service.

The State Water Resources Control Board require monitoring of drinking water supplies and wastewater discharge for toxic chemicals and disease-causing microbes. There has been an increasing utilization of the PH Lab to perform these tests to assure the health and safety of the public. The State Water Resources Control Board has mandated that drinking water systems be monitored for specific toxins. PH Lab performs microbiological, general mineral and inorganic analysis in-house. The start date of the Agreement is retroactive to July 1, 2019 due to the time it took to receive the appropriate fee schedule and the need to keep critical services going during the negotiations with the vendor for the Agreement.

This work supports the MCHD 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Goal: 1. Empower the community to improve health; Goal 2. Enhance public health and safety through prevention; and Goal 3. Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services. Additionally, this work supports three of the ten essential public health services: inform, educate, and empower people about health issues; link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable; and assure competent public and personal health care workforce.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel-Risk Management and the Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved this Agreement as to legal form and fiscal provisions respectively.

FINANCING:

There are sufficient appropriations included in the Health Department's (HEA003-8124) Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 for this Agreement.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

Economic Development:

- Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.

Administration:

- Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.

Health & Human Services:

- Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services; promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

Infrastructure:

- Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

Public Safety:

- Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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Attachment:

Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board